

Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE (OPTION 7)

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Background

The 2004 Kentucky General Assembly enacted HB 152, amending KRS 161.048 to add an Option 7 Alternative Route to Certification. The provisions of Option 7 are as follows:

- ✓ Allows a person in a field other than education to receive a one-year temporary provisional teaching certificate (elementary, middle, and/or secondary) renewable for a maximum of two years, if he/she has met the following conditions:
 - 1) Holds a bachelor's degree with a declared academic major in the area of certification and a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.0, or a professional or graduate degree in a field related to the area of certification.
 - 2) Has a minimum score of 500 on the verbal section and a minimum score of 4 on the analytical writing section of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE); in addition, candidates for math/science certification shall have a minimum score of 450 on the quantitative section of the GRE. (Candidates who have professional degrees are exempt from this requirement.)
 - 3) Passes written tests designated by the EPSB for content knowledge in the area of certification (e.g., Praxis).
- ✓ Mandates that the candidate receiving the temporary provisional teaching certificate complete prior to receiving the certificate or during the first year of the certificate:
 - 1) For elementary teaching, the equivalent of a 240-hour institute, based on 6-hour days for 8 weeks. "The content shall include research-based teaching strategies in reading and math, research on child and adolescent growth, knowledge of individual differences, including teaching exceptional children, and methods of classroom management."

- 2) For middle and secondary teaching, the equivalent of a 180-hour institute, based on 6-hour days for 6 weeks. The content "shall include research-based teaching strategies, research on child and adolescent growth, knowledge of individual differences, including teaching exceptional children, and methods of classroom management."
- ✓ Mandates that the candidate participate in the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP), after successful completion of which the candidate receives a professional certificate.
 - ✓ Mandates that all institute providers and content must be approved by the EPSB.

Who may submit an application?

Pursuant to KRS 161.028, Section 1b, colleges, universities, and school districts (including cooperatives) may submit applications to provide one or more institutes. All institutes must undergo a program review (refer to Program Review Contents below) and be accredited by the EPSB. (Applicants not already accredited by the EPSB should contact Dr. Marilyn Troupe, Director, Division of Educator Preparation, EPSB, for more information.)

What should be addressed in the application?

- a) Applicant contact information
- b) Person in charge contact information
- c) Description of institute (e.g., when offered, methods of delivery)
- d) **Program Review Contents**
 - Conceptual Framework/Philosophy (*Not required if applicant is already accredited by the EPSB*)
 - Continuous Assessment Plan
 - of institute
 - of candidate (*The EPSB requires that candidates pass the Praxis "Principles of Teaching and Learning" exam by the end of the institute; Candidate dispositions also must be addressed*)
 - Curriculum (*Must align with the requirements delineated in HB 152 -- see above; Must also show alignment with New Teacher Standards, integration of cultural/ethnic diversity, literacy, and technological themes, and inclusion of the Kentucky Board of Education's P-12*)

Learner Goals and Academic Expectations, the Core Content and the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System, and the Program of Studies; Note resources used, such as KY Educators.org modules)

- Institute Faculty (*Name, highest degree, areas of specialization, responsibilities in the institute, and relationship to the applicant; Do not send vitae*)
- Entrance and Exit Criteria
- Copy of Curriculum Contract (*Provided to candidate; Must include at a minimum:*
 - *Name of institute and resulting certification with appropriate grade level noted*
 - *Candidate's name*
 - *Institute curricular requirements*
 - *Institute exit requirements (e.g., PLT)*
 - *Verification that the Professional Code of Ethics has been reviewed*
 - *Verification that the KTIP requirement has been reviewed*
 - *Candidate's and advisor's dated signatures*

e) Cost of institute

Where can the New Teacher Standards, the Professional Code of Ethics, and more information about KTIP, alternative routes, and the EPSB be found?

Please visit the EPSB's web site at <http://kyepsb.net>.

When should applications be submitted?

Applications may be submitted at any time.

To whom should applications or questions be directed?

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